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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LOS ANGELES DUAL DESIGNATION

1. PRESIDENT CARTER TODAY SENT THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM TO SECRETARY VANCE. BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE. SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR FORMAL DESIGNATIONS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

-- "IN A SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION IN THE TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE PROCEEDING (DOCKET 25908), THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED THAT LOS ANGELES BE SELECTED AS THE SECOND U.S. CITY FOR SERVICE BY TWO U.S. AIRLINES TO LONDON UNDER THE BERMUDA II AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE WRITTEN TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN URGING THAT HE AGREE TO HAVE TWO U.S. AIRLINES SERVE LONDON FROM BOTH BOSTON AND LOS ANGELES, RATHER THAN FROM ONLY ONE OF THESE CITIES.
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I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE U.K. WILL ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL SO THAT BOTH CITIES MAY HAVE THE COMPETITIVE U.S. AIRLINE SERVICE THEY BOTH DESERVE.

-- " I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT A PROLONGED CONTINUATION OF THE STATUS QUO WILL DEPRIVE LOS ANGELES AND ITS CITIZENS OF THE BENEFITS OF AIRLINE SERVICE TO LONDON BY TWO U.S.

CARRIERS. ACCORDINGLY, I REQUEST THAT YOU DESIGNATE PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES TO OPERATE THE LOS ANGELES-LONDON ROUTE EFFECTIVE JUNE 15. ADDITIONALLY, I REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SEEK BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF BOTH THESE AIRLINES ON THE BOSTON-LONDON ROUTE FOR THE PERIOD NECESSARY FOR A SETTLEMENT OF MY PROPOSAL THAT THREE U.S. CITIES BE ACCEPTED FOR DUAL DESIGNATION. THIS WOULD AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY INTERRUPTION OF BOSTON SERVICE WHILE THE MATTER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

-- "AS MODIFIED ABOVE, I ACCEPT THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION. JIMMY CARTER."

2. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM UK AUTHORITIES THAT THIS MEMORANDUM WAS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT BEFORE HE HAD BEEN ADVISED OF PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO MAY 16 CARTER LETTER. VANCE

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